

ACADEMY SPEECH CONTEST GUIDELINES

Memorandum For *Freedom Academy Delegates*

1. If you wish, you may participate in the annual Freedom Academy Speech contest. There will be a minimum of one participant per flight. First place winner will receive a \$100.00 savings bond, second and third place winners will receive a \$50.00 savings bond.
2. If you previously attended the Freedom Academy, you are not eligible to enter the speech contest.
3. The subjects this year are:

“Does the constitution guarantee freedom from being offended?”

or

“Should people be asked to sacrifice their freedoms now for something that one can only predict might occur in the future?”

THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL APPLY:

- a. The speech must be at least **three minutes** in duration; but **NOT** longer than six minutes.
 - b. Your speech must be an “original” and not previously given at a public event. NOTE: Quotations may be used, however, they should be limited in size and number so that your speech is “your speech”.
4. You will be judged on the following points:
 - a. **Subject matter.** Is it focused, pertinent and meaningful?
 - b. **Is the speech inspiring and motivational?**
 - c. Does the speaker cover the subject matter adequately?
 - d. Does the speaker stay within the time limits?
 - e. **Mannerisms.** Does the speaker appear nervous, tense or under pressure?
 - f. **Delivery.** Does the speaker portray the message to the audience?
 - g. **Preparation.** Is the speaker prepared?
 5. The judges will consist of Freedom Academy Staff and other special guests. Their decisions will be final.
 6. Those presenting speeches **MUST** use 3x5 note cards or speak from a manuscript. The manuscript will be turned in to the Activities Director at the conclusion of your presentation.
 7. The winners will be awarded a U.S. Savings Bond; which will be mailed to their home address **after** the completion of the academy. The 1st place winner will present their speech at the closing ceremony.
 8. This years’ contest will take place on the evening of Wednesday June 18th, 2008.